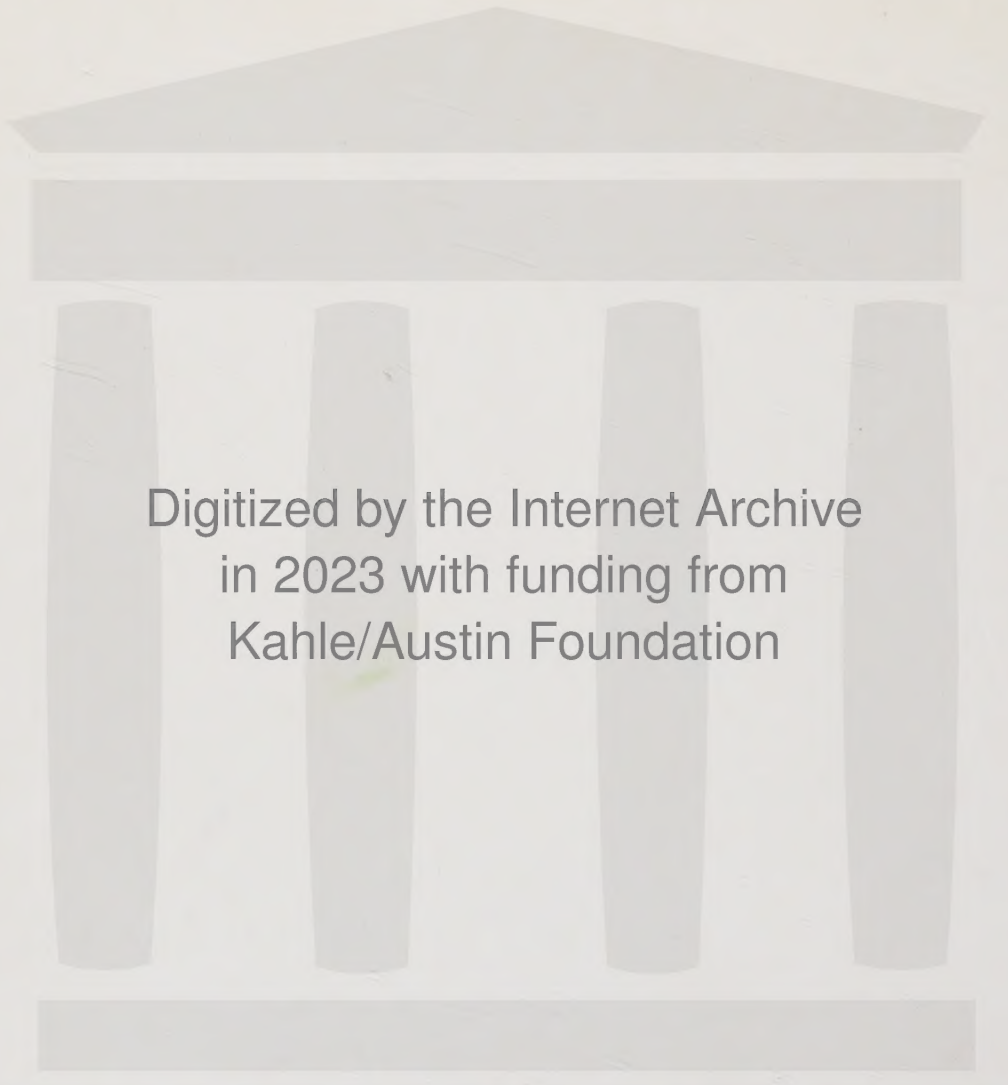


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Every morning, Daisy Jo worked in her garden.
She watered the daisies, trimmed the roses and . . .



"Oh, no," she cried one day.
"Something has been eating my flowers!"
Many of her beautiful tulips were gone.



Just then, Daisy Jo heard *crunch, crunch, crunch.*
Crunch, crunch, crunch.
“Who’s there?” she asked.



Suddenly, a shadow began creeping over the grass.



"Ahhhhhh!" screamed Daisy Jo.
It was the shadow of a monster!



A furry monster with spikes on its back,
terrible claws, and huge, scary teeth!
Daisy Jo ran into the Castle as fast as she could.



"Rainbow Dash! Kimono!" called Daisy Jo. "There's a terrible monster in my garden, and it's eating all my flowers!"



"Let's go and check it out," said Rainbow Dash.
"Not me," replied Daisy Jo. "I'm too scared!"



"Rainbow Dash and I will investigate," said Kimono.

"Try not to be scared."

They went to the garden to check out this flower-eating monster.



They peeked in the flower bed. No monster.
They tiptoed to the back of the garden. No monster.
They even looked in the pond. Still no monster.



“We checked out the garden,
and there’s not a monster in sight,” reported Rainbow Dash.
“But it must be there,” said Daisy Jo.



"I saw its giant shadow. It's eating my flowers!"

"If there was a monster, it's gone now," said Kimono gently.

But Daisy Jo didn't feel any better.



That night, Daisy Jo had a nightmare.
She dreamed that a horrible monster was hiding in her garden.



It was big and purple and ugly.
The monster devoured her garden – flower by flower!



The next day, Daisy Jo was still too scared to go outside. "Oh, my poor garden," she said. "The flowers need water." "Let's go to the garden together," suggested Kimono.



"That way if you see the monster again, you won't be alone."

"Great idea," said Rainbow Dash.

She had just arrived with her monster-catching equipment.

"Okay, I guess," said Daisy Jo.



The three friends walked bravely to the garden.
Suddenly they heard *crunch, crunch, crunch* . . .



Then they saw the giant shadow!

Rainbow Dash ran towards it, but her helmet fell over her face.
She tripped over a rock and landed with a thud next to . . .



... a furry rabbit!



"Ahhhhh!" screamed the rabbit.
"Ahhhhh!" screamed Rainbow Dash.
"Oh, my," said Kimono.



"So you've been eating my friend's flowers."

Rainbow Dash giggled.

"You frightened me," said Daisy Jo, petting the furry rabbit.



“And look!” Kimono pointed.
“The flower petals made the rabbit’s shadow look scary!”



"I feel so silly. I can't believe I was scared of this cute little rabbit," said Daisy Jo.

"It's okay to be scared sometimes," said Kimono, "because friends are always around to help."

"This rabbit may not be a real monster," said Rainbow Dash, laughing. "But it sure does eat like one!"



Daisy-Jo loves working in her beautiful garden. But when a big, scary shadow that looks like a monster begins creeping over the grass, suddenly it's not so much fun being outside anymore! Luckily Daisy-Jo has some really brave friends to help her solve the monster mystery and soon there can be more fun in the garden again.

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